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so of my closing, if he would like.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Janssen.

**SENATOR JANSSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Senator Bromm. The General Affairs Committee, we...we see a lot of people in who are representing different organizations trying to curtail the use of alcohol by minors. It's a big problem. And we see it every day, we read about it in the paper, the accidents, so on and so forth, that are involving alcohol. And if we can do anything, if this new driver's license can curtail a small amount of that, I know it's not going to be perfect. For everything that we make in this country, someone can usually find some way to get around the law. But if it makes one iota, one iota of...of difference and saves somebody's life by denying that...that young person the access to alcoholic beverages, I think it's well worth it. I know it's not perfect, Senator Chambers has talked about that, but it's a step in the right direction. And I heard the hearings this summer, some of the interim hearings and the comments that people brought forth at those hearings, it was...it was...it was very good. And it was understandably significant to me that we need to follow along this path. With the bar code on the back it's going to make it better. The type of print of the picture that's on the front, I think, is going to be better. Thank you, Senator Bromm, for allowing me the time to speak on this. Thank you.

**SENATOR BROMM:** Mr. Speaker, I just want to summarize the amendment. And I, despite the concerns that Senator Chambers has, I would encourage even him to vote for the amendment because the amendment, as Senator Brashear spoke of, adds a significant penalty to the release of this information unlawfully, it also restricts the amount of information that can be placed on the bar code, so to speak, to use that term so we know what we're kind of referring to, to what is on the face of the license. So it does restrict that, which I think is helpful. It also, I think, provides some additional security for some of the concerns that Senator Chambers has by saying that this information can't be, willy nilly, released to a law enforcement agency. The biometric identifier, if there is such a thing involved, they can only really (inaudible) with a valid